

Monday 4th April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of another term is closing in and we are delighted with all our children and everything that they have achieved in 2022. This term was a particularly difficult one at IKB with more child and staff absence than we have been used to, however I cannot emphasise enough how proud I have been of our entire community for continuing and supporting one another through it. With Spring in full flow now, we are hoping for a much more settled Summer term when we return.

Goodbye Mr Tony

It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to one of our IKB originals. Mr Tony is leaving us to follow other ventures and we wish him well and thank him for everything he has done for IKB over the past 18 months. Mr Tony is far more than a caretaker, Mr Tony is Mr IKB. From day one, he has been involved in the learning of all of our children and he has loved nothing more than being involved in our classroom environments with our children. We are very much looking forward to Mr Tony coming back to visit us from time to time and he knows he is always very welcome. We are moving forwards with appointing our new caretaker and once confirmed we will be sharing this with you.



A message from Mr Tony: "A big thank you to our parents and carers. It's been an absolute pleasure to have met you all and I have always appreciated your greetings and kind words in the morning. It goes without saying, the continued success of the school is as much down to you and your wonderful children as it is to the amazing IKB staff. The vision of the headteacher has always been that the school should truly be part of the community and it is because of all your efforts and support that this has been realised. Thank you again, it has been an absolute privilege to have met you all and to have been a part of your children's school experience. The kindest regards, Mr Tony."

Easter Bonnet Parade

This Friday 8th April is our IKB Easter Bonnet Parade and we cannot wait to see all the creative hats and bonnets that our children have produced going up and down the catwalk. Thank you to those children who have brought their designs in already. We are keeping them safe in school and we will welcome any more coming in before Friday for us to look after. Do not fret if your child has not made a bonnet yet, there is still plenty of time. We are also dedicating curriculum time to this so that all children will have had the opportunity to create an Easter hat or bonnet before show time! A huge thank you to all parents/carers for supporting your children in this task, whether cutting, measuring, gluing, sticking or even glittering, the children have really enjoyed sharing in their learning with you.



Welcome!

A huge IKB welcome to two new staff members who are joining our IKB team – Mrs Helen Hitchin (Year 2 teacher from September) and Miss Wakely (cover teacher starting after Easter):

"I'm really looking forward to joining IKB in September as your child's Year 2 teacher. I am an experienced and enthusiastic teacher who thoroughly enjoys helping children to thrive and become the very best that they can be. I am married with two sons and therefore spend a lot of my time standing at the edge of football pitches in all weathers during weekends! In my spare time I enjoy playing tennis, watching musicals and being outdoors, especially visiting the seaside. Music has always played a large part in my life and despite my own boys saying that I sing too much in our house, I'm looking forward to singing with your children! I'm excited about working closely with you and your children and I look forward to meeting you soon." – Mrs Hitchin



"I am really looking forward to joining the team at IKB next term and getting to know the children and families! I have worked as a class teacher across EYFS, KS1 and KS2 in schools in Bristol, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, as well as schools abroad. I love facilitating creativity and encouraging children to become critical thinkers. I am originally from Somerset so I have family links to the area and I am delighted to be heading back to my home county. When I am not working, I enjoy being outside with a good book or listening to a podcast." – Miss Wakely



Miss Wakely will be taking up my cover teaching role for the rest of the academic year to give me additional opportunity to support the leadership team at our Trust sister school Wellesley Park. Their headteacher has just begun maternity leave so I will be supporting the new head while they settle into their new position. This will not detract from my role as headteacher at IKB and although I will miss my Wednesday PE sessions, I will be seizing opportunities to teach our children on other days. Due to this change, PE for reception and Year 1 will be moving to Tuesday's from the start of Term 5 until the end of the academic year so please ensure that your children have their PE kits in school on Tuesday's from after Easter. Thank you in advance for this.

Our IKB Attributes:
We are POSITIVE
We are ENGAGED
We are RESPONSIBLE
We are RESPECTFUL
We are RESILIENT
We RISE TO CHALLENGES

Terms 5 and 6 will see a break from Let's Go Read for our Year 1 children (do not fret, it will return) and an opportunity for our Reception children to get involved.

Thank you to those who have already signed up. If you haven't but you are interested, please contact Mrs Hawkins in the IKB office:

office@ikbschool.co.uk

A red nose day update: Our total has grown and grown over the past week and has ended up totalling £996.98 – an incredible effort! We will be sending it to local charities as well as to charities supporting Ukrainian refugees. Thank you so much for your generosity!

#thiscommunitycan

Be kind to our plants and animals.
 * Pick up litter.
 * plant more plants.
 * Treat plants with respect.
 * recycle as much as we can.
 * use only 1 paper towel.

Eco Club

Our Year 1 Eco Club meets every Monday from 15:15 to 16:00 and prioritise how they are going to make our school and our community a more environmentally friendly and sustainable place. Recently they have been designing their own 'Eco codes' to share what their club stands for.

Here is Rupert's fantastic example – it really captures how all our children feel about the environment and how they demonstrate our IKB Attribute 'We are RESPONSIBLE' when looking after it!

**** DATES FOR THE DIARY****

Term 5	
Monday 25 th April	Term 5 begins with WOW days to launch our new curriculum topics.
Tuesday 26 th April	Whole school class photo day – rearranged after postponement in Term 4.
Tuesday 26 th April	Miss Fahy's Maths parent/ carer workshop at 8:50 and 14:45 – rearranged from Term 4
Monday 2 nd May	IKB school and IKB Bright Sparks closed for May Day Bank Holiday
Week of 9 th May	'Wonderful Week' in IKB Bright Sparks where parents/ carers can learn alongside their children for 25 minutes at drop-off for a day throughout the week.
Tuesday 10 th May	Miss Aldridge's Writing parent/ carer workshop at 8:50 and 14:45.
Friday 13 th May	'Fabulous Friday' from 14:50 – 15:15 in Year 1 for parents/ carers to learn alongside their children.
Friday 20 th May	IKB school and IKB Bright Sparks closed due to INSET day and staff training.
Friday 27 th May	Last day of Term 5.

As always, thank you for your continued trust and support. Remember, learning doesn't just happen in the classroom, so seize all opportunities for learning that you come across with your children. Mr Healey, IKB Headteacher